



City of Seattle
Department of Neighborhoods

Small and Simple Projects Fund Awards

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Climate Protection

Project: Festival of Trees
Organization: Plant Amnesty

NMF Award: \$11,000
Match: \$11,410

Project Description: A coalition of ecological non-profit organizations, green businesses, local community groups, government agencies, and Northeast Seattle neighborhood volunteers will plan and implement a special Mother's Day event to introduce the community to local resources and technical information for planting and caring for trees. Activities will include talks by prominent garden writers, information booths, networking opportunities, family entertainment, and a follow-up workshop.

Project: Neighborhood Sustainability Report Card and Climate Action Program (NSRCA)
Organization: Sustainable Seattle

NMF Award: \$7,990
Match: \$8,800

Project Description: This two-part project starts with the establishment of baseline assessments for neighborhood sustainability in the north Green Lake and Rainier Beach communities using neighborhood-level data and survey responses from residents. Neighborhood volunteers will use the assessment results to organize and take informed action toward grassroots climate protection.

Project: Edible Garden Fair and Tour
Organization: Southwest Community Harvest

NMF Award: \$14,850
Match: \$14,850

Project Description: This two-day event will include an edible garden tour, workshops, presentations and panel discussions on growing, preparing, and preserving your own food. Organizers will include workshops tailored for seniors, youth, and apartment dwellers as well as opportunities for them to share their expertise.

Project: Sustainable West Seattle Festival
Organization: Sustainable West Seattle

NMF Award: \$14,935
Match: \$52,645

Project Description: This summer street fair held adjacent to the West Seattle Farmers Market will bring together neighborhood activists, local non-profit organizations, businesses, speakers, youth and entertainers to promote sustainability, build community connections, and promote organizations that are involved in sustainability. Sustainable West Seattle will unveil WESTRA, the West Seattle Transportation Association, a project to advocate and expand non-car oriented transportation solutions for the community.

Project: Carkeek Park Outdoors Art Exhibit
Organization: Carkeek Park Advisory Council

NMF Award: \$9,650
Match: \$9,650

Project Description: Park Advisory Council volunteers will partner with Center on Contemporary Arts and local senior retirement communities to expand arts related opportunities and education resources in the north end. A temporary outdoor art exhibition will host 10 sculptural works intended to decompose organically, leaving no trace and causing no impact to public property.

Project: Carkeek Wildlife Demonstration Garden
Organization: Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project

NMF Award: \$1,200
Match: \$1,350

Project Description: Volunteers will install approximately 75 plant identification markers in the newly renovated wildlife demonstration garden at Carkeek Park. They will also print a revised interpretive garden brochure.

Neighborhood Physical Improvement

Project: I-5 Colonnade Mountain Bike Skills Park – Drainage and Erosion Control Solution
Organization: Friends of Colonnade Trails

NMF Award: \$15,000
Match: \$15,000

Project Description: Volunteers from the Seattle mountain biking community and Eastlake neighbors have joined together to build a drainage and erosion control solution for the I-5 Colonnade Mountain Bike Skills Park. The improvements will make the park safer and more easily sustainable for bikers, users of the adjacent off-leash dog area, runners, walkers and commuters who pass through the park.

Project: 36th Avenue NE & NE 62nd Traffic Circle
Organization: Bryant Residents Against Thru Traffic (BRATT)

NMF Award: \$6,802
Match: \$6,802

Project Description: Local residents organized and raised funds to improve the safety at this steep-hill site, which is located close to a busy arterial. A traffic calming circle will be built at this intersection to increase pedestrian and motorist safety.

Project: Franklin High School Reader Board
Organization: Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation

NMF Award: \$15, 000
Match: \$47,835

Project Description: Franklin High School alumni and community members held fundraisers to raise the large cash match for fabrication and installation of a new electronic reader board that will publicize community activities as well as school events.

Neighborhood Planning & Design

Project: Seward Park Playground Improvement
Organization: Seward Park Playground Improvement Foundation (SPPIF)

NMF Award: \$15,000
Match: \$7,500

Project Description: One year ago, community volunteers formed SPPIF to design, finance, and build a large play area for Seward Park. A first-phase NMF award produced a fine schematic design and estimated construction cost of \$750,000. In this second phase, SPPIF volunteers will coordinate further design development and construction drawings.

Project: Vision Greenwood Park
Organization: Vision Greenwood Park

NMF Award: \$15,000
Match: \$8,610

Project Description: A series of design workshops are planned by this group of longtime and new community activists to create a conceptual design for the enhancement of Greenwood Park. Preferred uses will be identified for four parcels recently acquired to expand the park.

Project: Community Center at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School

Organization: Citizens for a Community Center at MLK School

NMF Award: \$12,600

Match: \$13,590

Project Description: Activists in the Madison Valley neighborhood are joining together to create a vibrant community center at this former elementary school. A variety of programs and services are envisioned for the proposed center. This award will be used to study the feasibility and costs associated with design, renovations, programming, operations and maintenance of the proposed center. Experts will be hired to do building analysis, two community design meetings will be held, and a final report will be distributed.

Public Schools Partnership

Project: Murals at South Lake High School

Organization: Urban Artworks

NMF Award: \$2,170

Match: \$1,330

Project Description: Youth and community members will be recruited to design, create, and install 12 murals at this Southeast Seattle high school. The project includes an after school program, which will bring together school students and nearby community members to participate together in a shared accomplishment.

Race Relations and Social Justice

Project: Community Building and Cradleboard Classes for Native American Women in Dialogue on Infant Mortality Outreach (NAWDIM)

Organization: Native American Women in Dialog on Infant Mortality Outreach

NMF Award: \$15,000

Match: \$11,906

Project Description: Since late 2000, NAWDIM has been working as a grassroots coalition dedicated to community building and educating urban American Indian/Alaskan Native women, their families, and allies about healthcare issues including infant mortality. NAWDIM volunteers, partners, and project staff will hold three community organizing dinners, staff a booth to conduct outreach at local pow wows, and build intergenerational and peer relationships between Native women through cradleboard classes.

Project: Seattle Youth in Development Conference
Organization: Seattle Youth in Development Conference Planning Committee

NMF Award: \$11,750
Match: \$5,925

Project Description: Young adults from the UW and SPU will plan and host a conference to connect high school students, university students, and homeless street youth with non-profit organizations, peer mentors, and opportunities to become active in working on local and world issues such as HIV, women's empowerment, and relationship violence.

Project: Youth Out Loud
Organization: Youth Media Institute

NMF Award: \$14,700
Match: \$24,885

Project Description: Youth Media Institute will partner with professional teaching artists to develop and carry out a series of media workshops to teach youth how to counter negative coverage of the High Point community by effectively communicating their own positive stories, celebrating their cultural diversity, and actively addressing local issues.

Project: Who Are We? Exploring Ancestry and Identity Together
Organization: Northwest African American Museum/Friends of the Genealogy Center

NMF Award: \$14,849
Match: \$7,490

Project Description: A multi-cultural steering committee partnering with the Northwest African American Museum will expand the Genealogy Center at NAAM

to transform it into a true community-run resource relevant to members of all ethnicities. Library materials will be expanded and diversified and volunteers will be trained to staff the Center. Free monthly workshops on how to trace your family roots will be offered to the public.

Project: The Duwamish Diaries

Organization: Friends of the Duwamish and the Duwamish Tribe

NMF Award: \$15,000

Match: \$24,625

Project Description: Neighborhoods, schools, past and present residents will come together to create a documentary on the living history of the Duwamish River and the Duwamish Tribe. Photographic and historical exhibits, a 60-minute video, and a multi-media presentation, will be developed and presented at three public presentations in the Delridge and Greater Duwamish communities.